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"MISSION SUMMARY"

MISSION NO. 39
19TH. MARCH, 1944

94TH. COMBAT BOMB WING
401ST. BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

R E P O R T O F O P E R A T I O N A L
D A Y

MISSION No. **39**

Date: **19 MAR. 44**

TO: **WATTEN , FRANCE**

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 6634
U. S. ARMY

D-G-1

19 March 1944

SUBJECT: Comments of Crews Participating on Mission of 19 March 1944.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, Station 128, APO 634, U. S. Army.
(Thru Lt. Col. E. K. Veerhees and Lt. Col. A. G. Brooks.)

1. Sgt. Robert L. Reedy, ROG, A/C 1511 recommends that hereafter one of the waist gunners handle the camera; radio operators are generally too busy discharging chaff, particularly at bomb release point.

2. Lt. Bryan M. Shotts, Pilot, A/C 1511 stated that winds were not as briefed; Lt. Bernard M. H. Hirsch, Navigator, A/C 1983 said his weather flimsy was unreadable, evidently having been made with poor carbon paper. Lt. Bernard Schwartz, Navigator, A/C 1593 criticized the fact that flimsy was made to cover the period prior to 1900 hours, whereas the Group was still flying at 1920 hours.

3. Lt. Robert L. Keith, Pilot, A/C 7487 says flying equipment is in a deplorable condition.

4. Lt. Lee F. Bartley, Pilot, A/C 1569 felt that as long as the high squadron made a second bomb run they should ~~not~~ dropped their bombs.

✓ 5. Pvt. Gilbert Sherman, RWG, A/C 1569 says oxygen masks get smashed and dirty when they are put in bags and suggests they be left in boxes.

6. Lt. Paul J. King, Navigator, A/C 9765 says flying helmets do not fit properly and recommends this Group use a type of helmet similar to that employed by fighter pilots.

7. Complaints concerning poor quality of feed served at combat mess were made by the following: Entire crew of Lt. Joseph E. Ferdyn, Pilot, A/C 1619; entire crew of Lt. Mervin J. Christensen, Pilot, A/C 9765; entire crew of Lt. Paul F. Scharff, Pilot, A/C 1593.

8. Sgt. Robert C. Strong, ROG, A/C 1593, who was assigned to monitor the Pelebrook station channel had a great deal of difficulty in contacting the station because of the fact that a number of ships were continually calling this station, which procedure he thought was unwarranted.

✓ 9. Lt. Charles F. Hess, Pilot, A/C 1057 and Lt. Walter L. Oliver, Bombardier, A/C 9820, complained of having to wait at dispersal area for transportation to briefing room; Lt. Scribner C. Dailey, Pilot, A/C 1662 praised the transportation furnished his crew.

10. Lt. Bryan M. Shetts, Pilot, A/C 1511 praised the Group formation, especially after leaving the target. Lt. Robert W. Rowe, Bombardier, A/C 1593 also praised the formation and stated that lead Navigator of low squadron did excellent job.

Lt. D. O. McLaughlin

for

W. B. FRY,
Major, A.C.,
Group S-2 Officer.

Target No.	NOBALL TARGETS	(FRANCE)	Illustration No.
XI/A/1	"A" Constructional Works	WATTEN	XI/A/1/1
XI/A/57	"A" Constructional Works	CORMETTE	XI/A/57/2
XI/A/100	"A" Constructional Works	ZUDAUSQUES	XI/A/100/3
XI/A/112	"A" Constructional Works	NOTRE DAME FERME	XI/A/112/3
XI/B/4(a) & (b)	"B" Labour Camp	WATTEN/QUEST MONT & WATTEN/NORD BROUCK	XI/B/4/2

0 500 1000 1500 2000 YARDS
 0 1/2 1 MILE
 Photographed—Various Dates (1:20,000) approx. Issued January 1944

Adjoins and overlaps illustration XI/A/33/1 etc.



Adjoins illustration XI/A/69/3 etc.

Adjoins and overlaps illustration XI/A/9/1 etc.

Illustration No.
 XI/A/1/1
 XI/A/57/2
 XI/A/100/3
 XI/A/112/3
 XI/B/4/2

Adjoins and overlaps illustration XI/A/11/1 etc.

A.1.3c(1) It should be noted that some small variation in scale is possible between this and adjoining illustrations. This illustration is based on best cover available for the whole area, but may not show latest construction within target areas. For this, reference should be made to the appropriate Type B illustrations for the individual targets themselves.

TYPE A

S E C R E T

Report on A.A. Gunfire.

401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

1. Target: Assigned . . . Watten Date of Mission . 19 Mar 44
 Bombed . . . Watten

2. Route as Flown:-
(5056-0142E) Target (5014-0130E) Dungeness.

3. Weather conditions: (a) At target . . . Clwyd
 (b) En route . . . 3/10
 4. Were our A.C "Seen" or "Unseen" targets? (a) At target . . . Seen
 (b) En route . . . Seen
 Any Condensation trails? . No.

5. Description of Flak at Target, including METHOD OF FIRE CONTROL
 1800 hours - Enemy coast - Area 3-4 miles long had 300 black bursts - Barrage.
 1800 hours - Calais - Moderate, good altitude, fair deflection, black bursts, pointed.
 1808 hours - St. Omer - Intense, good altitude, good deflection, black bursts, predicted concentrated.
 1812 hours - Cape Gris Nez - Moderate, good altitude, good deflection, hink*green, bursts, pointed. * yellow, red.
 1824 hours - (5020-0130E) - Extremely large bursts of green flak, surrounded by black flak.

6. Flak encountered or observed en route. (IN the order experienced)
 1806 hours - moderate, good altitude, good deflection, black bursts, pointed.

7. Was CHAFF carried? . . . Yes
 How discharged? . . . As briefed

8. Position of Group
Lead

9. Details:-

Group	A/C over enemy territory	A/C Damaged	A/Clost to Flak	Time over Target	Time of Bomb Away	Height	Axis of Attack	Bomb Run
401	8	0	0	1806	1806	21,300	43°N	5 min
401	6	0	0	1806	did not bomb		43°N	
401	7	0	0	1806	1806		93°N	2 min
Totals								

10. Comments - Phenomena:-
 Each squadron bombed individually. Low squadron did not bomb.
 Green flak was bursting low. Saw flak boats in Bay of Calais.

(OVER)

10. (Cont.)

- Rockets -

Battery of ground rockets seen just east of woods in which target is located - white streamers with red bursts.

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- 1806 hours - (Target) 5 rockets, red burst, white trail.
- 1809 hours - (1 min. past target) 4 ground rockets came up together in a line.
- 1824 hours - St. Omer - 2 groups of 4 rockets and 2 groups of 2 rockets with red burst above formation.
- 1812 hours - (5055-0205E) Several rockets from this point.

SUMMARY

Flak was encountered almost continually from the time A/C hit the enemy coast. It was generally seen - following and accurate. A barrage of 300 bursts over a space of 3-4 miles was encountered at enemy coast point to target. Green, red, yellow, white and black bursts were seen in the Cape Griz Nez area. It is believed that there were at least 100 guns firing in the St. Omer region. 20-30 rockets of conventional type were seen. Several groups of 2 and 4 were fired at once.

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612TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
APO 634

AAF Station 128
19 March 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List.

TO: Operations Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H),
AAF Station 128, APO 634

Plane 42-31662

P	Dailey, Scribner C.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Stokes, Alexander C.	1st Lt.	"
N	Jeffery, Morey B.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Hutson, Wayman T.	1st Lt.	"
RO	Hildreth, Arthur W.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Flynn, William B.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Graf, Cecil L.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Sanders, Charles W.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Plate, Robert B.	Sgt.	"
RWG	Hagen, Charles T.	T/Sgt.	"

Plane 42-40050

P	Smith, Stuart E.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Chmura, Stanislaw R.	1st Lt.	"
N	Reese, Victor S.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Majewski, Louis J.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Andrus, Robert L.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Carr, Maurice A.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Davies, Leonardo F.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Parker, Harry C.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Selechitano, Frank J.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Hopkins, Calvin W.	S/Sgt.	"

Plane 42-39979

P	Johnson, Benjamin H. Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
CP	Waller, Jack E.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Fishbeck, Howard D.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Musso, David M.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Brandt, Melvin A.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Sellitto, John N.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Schaefer, Donald E.	Sgt.	"
TG	Blaugh, Joseph M.	Sgt.	"
LWG	Shannon, James L.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Litchfield, Russell E.	S/Sgt.	"

Plane 42-31087

P	Wells, Kenneth C.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Guinn, Euin N.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Gelula, Warren (NMI)	2nd Lt.	"
B	Lengenfelder, Leo I.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Bartlett, Edward M.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Larson, Robert D.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Convertino, Rico S.	Sgt.	"
TG	Weatherman, James H.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Price, William (NMI)	Sgt.	"
RWG	Chapman, William E.	Sgt.	"

Subj. Loading List, 612th Bomb. Sq., dd. 19 March 1944: Contd.

Plane 42-39765

P	Christensen, Mervin J.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Kleppe, Fred H.	2nd Lt.	"
N	King, Paul J.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Weiman, Karl K.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Spivey, Marion D.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Simmons, Harry G. Jr.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Nalbach, Paul L.	Sgt.	"
TG	Lopez, Juan C.	Sgt.	"
LWG	Coluccio, Anthony D.	Sgt.	"
RWG	Maleh, Irvin L.	Sgt.	"

Plane 42-39943

P	Kuhl, Frank O.	2nd Lt.	"
CP	Czupryk, Edward J.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Sussman, Armand M.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Urry, William C.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Shaw, Edward (NMI)	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Robinson, Charles E.	Sgt.	"
BTG	Dziadzia, Ray P.	Sgt.	"
TG	Rister, Kenneth A.	Sgt.	"
LWG	Fuhh, Robert D.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Terwiske, James G.	Sgt.	"

RICHARD H. HOYT
 1st Lt., Air Corps
 Asst Operations Officer

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SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 FOUR HUNDRED AND FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer
 AAF - Sta - 123 - APO - 634

19 March 1944

SUBJECT: Loading list.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Op (H), APO # 634.

1. Following is the list of Combat Crews participating in today's Mission.

PLANE # 42-31069

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Campbell	Paul	R.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	De Siano	Ambrose	(NMI)	615th
N	2nd Lt.	Wilhelm	Andrew	G.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Malone	Ralph	B.	615th
RO	S/Sgt.	Anderson	Martin	A.	615th
TT	S/Sgt.	Hensley	Ora	H.	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Brown	Saul	H.	615th
TG	Sgt.	Standafer	Stanley	(NMI)	615th
LWG	S/Sgt.	Smith	Alan	R.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Kendrick, Jr.	Joseph	R.	615th

PLANE # 42-37843

P	1st Lt.	Christensen	Ellsworth	R.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Rustand	Ronald	L.	615th
N	2nd Lt.	Wong	Delbert	E.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Reynolds	Herbert	A.	615th
RO	S/Sgt.	Mehlmann	Raymond	G.	615th
TT	S/Sgt.	Breen	Roland	J.	615th
BT	Sgt.	Roundtree	Charles	L.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Ross	Harry	A.	615th
LWG	S/Sgt.	Batson	Allen-	L.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Johnson	Russell	W.	615th

PLANE # 42-31968

P	1st Lt.	Post	Edwin	A.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Ledray	Vincent	L.	615th
N	2nd Lt.	Hirson	Bernard	M.H.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Walsh	James	V.	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Binkin	Nathan	G.	615th
TT	T/Sgt.	Romano	Emanuel	L.	615th
BT	Sgt.	Luzzi	Frank	R.	615th
TG	Sgt.	Carson	John	B.	615th
LWG	Sgt.	Brennan	Lawrence	S.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Hunger	Alva	L.	615th

PLANE # 42-31973

PLANE # 42-31619

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	Ferdyn	Joseph	E.	615th
GP	2nd Lt.	Enstad	Robert	J.	615th
N	2nd Lt.	Cummings	Lawrence	T.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Black	(10)	Dec	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Carter	William	M.	615th
TT	T/Sgt.	Zander	Harold	H.	615th
BT	Sgt.	Johnson	Joe	H.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Hertzman	Harold	(NMI)	615th
LWG	S/Sgt.	May	William-	M.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Bushendorf	Everett	M.	615th
WMO	S/Sgt.	Johnson	Everett	M.	615th
TMO	S/Sgt.	Johnson	Vigen-	F.	615th
LO	S/Sgt.	Koss	Willis	V.	615th
ML	S/Sgt.	Konradson	Charles	F.	615th
LL	S/Sgt.	Blain	William	J.	615th
MO	S/Sgt.	Konradson	William	C.	615th
B	3rd Lt.	Konradson	Harold	V.	615th
N	3rd Lt.	Black	Charles	H.	615th
OB	1st Lt.	Konradson	Charles	F.	615th
B	1st Lt.	Konradson	William	H.	615th

PLANE # 42-21042

WMO	S/Sgt.	Konradson	Charles	H.	615th
TMO	S/Sgt.	Blain	Vigen	H.	615th
LO	S/Sgt.	Konradson	Charles	(NMI)	615th
ML	S/Sgt.	Blain	Willis	H.	615th
LL	S/Sgt.	Konradson	Charles	H.	615th
MO	S/Sgt.	Konradson	William	V.	615th
B	3rd Lt.	Konradson	Harold	H.	615th
N	3rd Lt.	Konradson	Charles	C.	615th
OB	3rd Lt.	De. Blain	Charles	(NMI)	615th
B	3rd Lt.	Konradson	Willis	H.	615th

ROLL NAME GRADE (NAME) GRADE (MI) SQUADRON

PLANE # 42-27083

1. Below are the names of crew members who were assigned to this plane.
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SIX HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 FOUR HUNDRED AND FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer

AAF Station # 128
 19 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Loading List.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), APO # 634.

1. Following is the list of Combat Crews participating in today's Mission.

*Plane 42-51116

P -	1st Lt.	STIMSON, BOUDINOT (NMI)	614th
C -	Lt. Col.	BROOK, ALLISON C.	401st
N -	2nd Lt.	DASTOUS, JOSEPH C.	614th
B -	1st Lt.	PPAFFMAN, JACK L.	"
RO -	T/Sgt.	Mancuso, Carman L.	"
**TT -	T/Sgt.	Kukurin, Karl E.	"
BT -	S/Sgt.	Melia, Paul S.	"
TG -	S/Sgt.	LeSage, Alfred (NMI)	"
LWG-	Cpl.	Ames, Paul J.	"
RWG-	Cpl.	Allen, Andrew L.	"

*Plane 42-39820

P -	1st Lt.	WEBER, EZRA S.	614th
CP -	2nd Lt.	PEACOCK, GEORGE N.	"
N -	2nd Lt.	WIRBEL, CHARLES H.	"
B. -	2nd Lt.	OLIVER, WALTER L.	"
RO -	T/Sgt.	Krekorian, Ruben E.	"
**TT -	T/Sgt.	Huber, John A.	"
BT -	S/Sgt.	Price, John R.	"
TG -	Sgt.	McEldowney, Donald E.	"
LWG-	S/Sgt.	Kinsey, Robert S.	"
RWG-	S/Sgt.	Panichas, George T.	"

*Plane 42-40001

P -	1st Lt.	DAWES, WILLIAM R. JR.	614th
CP -	2nd Lt.	PRATT, JOHN D.	"
N -	2nd Lt.	SCHUBERG, JOHN A.	"
B -	2nd Lt.	VAN NOY, RUSSELL N.	"
RO -	T/Sgt.	Brown, Walter L. Jr.	"
**TT -	T/Sgt.	Norell, Olle A.	"
BT -	T/Sgt.	LaFountain, Louis M.	"
TG -	S/Sgt.	Gentry, Ray A.	"
LWG-	S/Sgt.	Teel, Oliver E.	"
RWG-	S/Sgt.	Mooney, William R.	"

**Designate Engineer.

Leading List (Con't)

*Plane 42-31315

P -	2nd Lt.	SHAW, FRANCIS L.	614th
CP -	2nd Lt.	COLE, WILLIAM R.	"
N -	2nd Lt.	ENGELHARDT, ELMER W.	"
B -	2nd Lt.	AUTRY, ALFRED L.	"
RO -	Sgt.	Terroux, Kenneth A.	"
**TT -	S/Sgt.	Macomber, Richard W.	"
BT -	Pvt.	Murphy, James J.	"
TG -	S/Sgt.	Cohen, Franklin C.	"
LWG-	Sgt.	Seagren, Carl K.	"
RWG-	Pvt.	Morrissey, John E.	"

*Plane 42-31369

P -	2nd Lt.	BARTLEY, LEO S.	614th
CP -	2nd Lt.	HAMMOND, HOWARD W.	"
N -	2nd Lt.	RYAN, WILLIAM F.	"
B -	2nd Lt.	CARTER, JAMES P.	"
RO -	S/Sgt.	Frederick, Eugene D.	"
**TT -	Sgt.	Rader, Richard A.	"
BT -	S/Sgt.	Risi, John M.	"
TG -	Sgt.	Hartwell, Dennis R.	"
LWG-	Sgt.	DeGraff, Andrew D.	"
RWG-	Pvt.	Sherman, Gilbert	"

*Plane 42-39478

P -	1st Lt.	WILSON, CARLETON L.	614th
CP -	2nd Lt.	KELLEY, CURTIS G.	"
N -	2nd Lt.	CONNERY, JOHN K.	"
B -	2nd Lt.	FOGARTY, FRANCIS M.	"
RO -	T/Sgt.	Anderson, Carl D.	"
**TT -	T/Sgt.	Quinn, Robert E.	"
BT -	S/Sgt.	Passeno, William W.	"
TG -	S/Sgt.	Pettit, Gerald N.	"
LWG-	S/Sgt.	McMahon, James F.	"
RWG-	S/Sgt.	Smith, George R.	"

**Designate Engineer.

**613th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
 AAF STATION 128, APO 634**

19 March 1944

SUBJECT: LOADING LIST

TO : OPERATIONS OFFICER, 401st BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H), AAF STATION 128

1. Following is the list of 'Combat crews participating in today's Mission.

<u>DUTY</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>MI</u>
<u>PLANE NO. 42-31037</u>				
P	1st Lt.	HESS	CHARLES	F.
CP	2d Lt.	MURPHY	WALTER	J.
N	2d Lt.	WHITING	MYRICK	J.
B	2d Lt.	BUCHANAN	ALLEN JR.	(NMI)
RO	S/SGT.	MARTINEZ	RICHARD	V.
TT	T/SGT.	TRYBA	ALEXANDER	W.
RT TG	S/SGT.	KASHNER	CHARLES	D.
TK LWG	XXXX SGT.	HADSELL	DACID	N.
MMK BT	SGT.	O'BRIEN	JOHN	P.
RWG	SGT.	MARTINELLI	XXXXXXXXXX ALEXANDER	M.
<u>PLANE NO. 42-30855</u>				
P	2d Lt.	FIRCHETT	LAWRENCE	E.
CP	2d Lt.	CAMPBELL	BRUCE	M.
N	2d Lt.	PFEIFFER	LAWRENCE	W.
B	2d Lt.	GOBER	DENE	C.
RO	T/SGT.	BERGENER	MAX	H.
TT	T/SGT.	PAPLOE	BERTRAM	(NMI)
BT	S/SGT.	SASSI	KIKKEE LOUIS	M.
TG	S/SGT.	ROSE	ANTHONY	F.
LWG	S/SGT.	HANNABURY	RALPH	A.
RWG	S/SGT.	GREGORY	DAYLIA	C.
<u>PLANE NO. 42-31593</u>				
P	2d Lt.	SCHARFF	PAUL	F.
CP	2d Lt.	ECKERT	CHARLES	A.
N	2d Lt.	SCHWARTZ	BERNARD	(NMI)
B	2d Lt.	ROWE	ROBERT	W.
RO	SGT.	STRONG	ROBERT	C.
TT	T/SGT.	KARL	RICHARD	X
BT	S/SGT.	HEDELL	CHARLES	H.
TG	S/SGT.	SMALLIN	JAMES	H.
LWG	S/SGT.	TOMLINSON	ROSCOE	D.
RWG	SGT.	PYNIGAR	FREDERICK	G.
<u>PLANE NO. 42-31511</u>				
P	1ST LT.	SHOTTS	BRYAN	N
CP	CAPT.	SILVER	DELFYNN	F.
N	1st LFT	SAVAGE	WILLIAM	F.
B.	1st Lt.	BRIARTON	HENRY	R.
RO	SGT.	REEDY	ROBERT	L.
TT	T/SGT.	SWOFFORD	LOLAND	L.
BT	S/SGT.	RIEGER	IRREN HARVEY	R.W.
TG	S/SGT.	ISEMINGER	JOHN	R.
LWG	S/SGT.	SONICHSEN	DONALD	H.
RWG	IRREN S/SGT.	JONES	WILLIAM	F. JR.

PLANE NO. 42-31091

P	1st LT.	STELZER	REBERT	L.
CP	2d LT.	JOHNSON	WENDELL	T.
N	2d LT.	HOBBS	HERBERT	L.
B	2d LT.	WARREN	ROBERT	(NMI)
RO	T/SGT.	HECKER	DONALD	A.
TT	T/SGT.	REBERT HARP	REBERT MORRIS	REBERT C.
BT	S/SGT.	BLACK	JAMES	P.
TG	S/SGT.	NICELY	JOHN	H.
LWG	S/SGT.	RICE	EDWARD	J.
RWG	S/SGT.	HODLAND	THOMAS	H.

PLANE NO. 42-97487

P	1st LT.	KEITH	ROBERT	L.
CP	2d LT.	HAMMOND	WARDLOW	M.
N	2d LT.	FLOTO	CARL	T.
B	2d LT.	KING	JOHN	J.
RO	T/SGT.	MUSSER	BENJAMIN	Z.
TT	S/SGT.	RESSELLIEU	BERT	B.
BT	SGT.	COLE	THOMAS	B.
TG	S/SGT.	KERR	ROBERT	V.
LWG	SGT.	SNODGRASS	GEORGE	W.
RWG	S/SGT.	KELSEN	HAROLD	J.

PLANE NO. 42-37833

P	2d LT.	SHARP	JAMES	C.
CP	2d LT.	HUSS	VINCENT	J.
N	2d LT.	STEPHENS	DAVID	M.
B	2d LT.	BESSE	MYLES	R.
RO	SGT.	FINNIE	CHARLES	S.
TT	M/SGT.	OLDER	HAROLD	K.
BT.	SGT.	SEDERGS	JOHN	J.
TG	S/SGT.	TOMKINSON	ALFRED	A.
LWG	S/SGT.	TOBINE	RODNEY	T.
RWG	SGT.	DRAIN	JAMES	A.

PLANE NO. 42-11005

P	2d LT.	VOKATY	ALFRED	E.
CP	2d LT.	GAMBRELL	WILLIAM	L. JR.
N	2d LT.	SCHACHTER	SHEA	(NMI)
B	2d LT.	STRODE	CHARLES	R.
RO	T/SGT.	HALPIN	RONALD	C.
TT	T/SGT.	BOROS	JOSEPH	J.
BT	S/SGT.	CRULL	HOWARD	M.
TG	S/SGT.	CANTER	WARREN	(NMI)
LWG	S/SGT.	SANDERS	ROY	G. JR.
RWG	SGT.	CAMPBELL	JOHN	F.

ROUTE FORECAST

DATE MARCH 12, 1964
 PERIOD 1500-1800

WEATHER	(1)	(A) <u>FAVORABLE TO SEVERE</u>	(B) <u>UNDESIRABLE TO HAZARDOUS</u>	(C) <u>BASE TO COAST</u>	(D)
			<u>PARTLY CLOUDY BECOMING CLEAR.</u>	<u>CLOUDY BECOMING CLEAR.</u>	
CLOUDS	(2)	<u>3-5/10 CIRRILLUS BASE 2-3000 TOPS 5000 BECOMING 4-6/10 CIRRILLUS AND STRATOCUMULUS BASE 2000 TOPS 5000 OVER STRAIGHT AND TANGENT. NIL BEHIND BECOMING 3-5/10 ALTOCUMULUS IN PARTIAL BASE 10000 TOPS 12000 AT TANGENT. STRAIN OFFSHORE ABOVE 20000.</u>	<u>4-6/10 CIRRILLUS AND STRATOCUMULUS BASE 2000 TOPS 5000 BECOMING 30 NIL OVER STRAIGHT AND TANGENT. 3-5/10 ALTOCUMULUS IN PARTIAL BASE 10000 TOPS 12000 BECOMING 20 NIL AT ENGLISH COAST. TRAIL OFFSHORE ABOVE 20000.</u>		
FREEZING LEVEL AND INDEX	(3)	<u>5000 FT. NIL.</u>	<u>5000 FT. NIL.</u>		
VISIBILITY	(4)	<u>5-10 MILES BECOMING UNRESTRICTED AT FLIGHT LEVEL.</u>	<u>UNRESTRICTED AT FLIGHT LEVEL BECOMING 4-6 MILES AT BASES OF MOUNTAINS.</u>		
HEIGHT		DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	(5)	<u>120 15 +3</u>			
5000 FT	(6)	<u>310 25 =7</u>			
10000 FT	(7)	<u>300 45 -4</u>			
15000 FT	(8)	<u>300 55 -15</u>			
20000 FT	(9)	<u>290 65 -31</u>			
25000 FT	(10)	<u>280 75 -42</u>			
30000 FT	(11)	<u>280 80 -57</u>			

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.25 TARGET SURFACE TEMP 52.5 TARGET MEAN TEMP 52.5 TARGET SURFACE PRESSURE 1013

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HEADQUARTERS
401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Staff Weather Officer
APO 634, U.S. Army

19 March 1944

WEATHER INFORMATION SUMMARY FOR MISSION OF 19 MARCH 1944

TAKE-OFF: 1615. 2/10 cumulus, base 2500'. Nil middle cloud. 8/10 cirrostratus, base 25-26,000'. Visibility 7 miles.

ROUTE OUT: 2-3/10 cumulus, base 4-5000', tops 6-7000', over England becoming nil over the channel. Nil middle cloud. 5-7/10 cirrostratus, base 25-26,000', becoming 2-3/10 at English coast. Visibility 4 miles beneath cumulus over England, becoming unlimited at flight level.

TARGET: 1800. Nil low and middle cloud. 2-3/10 cirrostratus, base 25-26,000 ft. Visibility unlimited.

ROUTE BACK: Nil low and middle cloud. 2-3/10 cirrostratus, base 25-26,000', becoming 4/10 over English coast and then increasing to 6-7/10 upon nearing bases. Visibility unlimited at flight level, becoming 5-7 miles over England below 5000'.

BASE ON RETURN: 1944. Nil low and middle cloud. 7/10 cirrostratus, base 25-26,000'. Visibility 5 miles.

REMARKS: No contrails from bombers. Contrails from fighters at about 25,000'. Nil icing. Thick layer of cumulus about 15 to 20 miles further inland from the target. Winds aloft were good; over the continent on way in at 15,000', 290 degrees at 58 knots. Temperature was -25 degrees at 20,000'. The contrails from the fighters were non-persistent and moderate.

Arthur B. Street
ARTHUR B. STREET
Captain, A. G.
Staff Weather Officer

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 557

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20 March 1944

SUBJECT: Comments of Crews Participating on Mission of 20 March 1944

TO : Commanding Officer, Station 128, APO 557, U S Army. (Thru
Lt Col Voorhees and Lt Col Brooks)

1. Lt Harry J Hershey (Pilot) A/C 1496, stated that it was his opinion that the formation climbed too slowly when the overcast was encountered; this caused the second element of the high squadron to fall out of formation, and it was at this point that the A/C piloted by Lt John A Dunaway (A/C 8033) stalled out; A/C 8033 was not seen again. Criticisms concerning the slow rate of climb were also made by Lt Donald A Currie (Pilot) A/C 9765, Lt Sandy Lew (Pilot) A/C 9932 and Lt Mervin J Christensen (Pilot) A/C 1087.
2. Lt Donald A Currie (Pilot) A/C 9765 observed that the airplane on the Group Leaders wing "flew all over the sky". This airplane commander further observed that A/C 23797 (Triangle G, ~~IX-k~~) filled in #7 position in lead squadron on way to target whereas he should have filled in the lower squadron.
3. The crew of Lt Donald A Currie (Pilot) A/C 9765, were disappointed upon opening their lunch bags to discover no candy-bars.
4. The crew of Lt Paul F Scharff (Pilot) A/C 1593, request that they be allotted living quarters in some combat crew barracks; they state that there is too much noise in their present barracks.
5. The crew of Lt Robert O Stine (Pilot) A/C 7478, had to wait 50 minutes for transportation from dispersal area to briefing room. An open truck was sent for the crew of Lt Robert E Volkaty (Pilot) A/C 2005 and inasmuch as it was raining they feel that their chutes might have been damaged.

W. B. FRY
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2 Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Engineering Officer
Station 128

A.P.O. 634
20 March, 1944

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report

TO : Group Operations, Station 128, APO 634.

1. Abortives.

a. Airplane No. 42-39993 returned early because it could not find the formation.

b. Airplane No. 42-37833 returned early because it could not find the formation.

2. Battle Damage.

a. 42-32012 - 1" flak hole in skin of left wing, underside aft of # 2 nacelle; 1" flak hole aft of C-4 fuel strainer, flak hitting bottom brace of inter-cooler.

b. 42-39846 - Numerous small skin penetrations in bottom of both wings, caused by flak; Flak hole through fuselage forward of pilot's seat cutting control cables.

c. 42-97478 - 2" X 1" flak tear in center of left elevator; 2" flak hole through leading edge of left horizontal stabilizer; 2" flak hole in skin of left wing tip, underside; 2" flak hole in bottom of inspection door for left aileron, damaging control rod; 1" flak hole through right main fuel tank door; 1" skin tear in bottom of right wing, outboard of # 4 engine; 2" flak hole in top of wing aft of # 2 engine nacelle.

d. 42-40060 - Flak hole in leading edge of left horizontal stabilizer, near station 62; Flak hole in left side of fuselage near station 6A; Flak hole in left waist window; Flak hole in # 4 ring cowling at 9 o'clock; Flak hole in right side of fuselage near station 3C.

e. 42-31496 - Flak hole in bottom of left wing tip, near station 56; Flak hole in right elevator, near station 62.

f. 42-39765 - Flak hole in bottom of right wing tip, near station 36; Flak hole in right bottom corner of air duct between # 3 engine and fuselage; Flak hole in left bomb bay door; Flak hole in right wing, near station 22, in bottom, out top; Flak hole in bottom of left wing near station 15, fuel tank change; Flak hole in top of left horizontal stabilizer near station 130; Flak hole in trailing edge of left elevator near station 94, in bottom, out top; Flak hole in left side of fuselage, near station 6C.

g. 42-31087 - Flak hole in bottom of right wing, near station 17; Flak hole in fairing joining left wing to fuselage; Flak hole in left horizontal stabilizer, near station 130.

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report (continued)

h. 42-31983 - 1" X 2" flak hole in leading edge of left wing between # 2 engine and fuselage; 1" flak hole through leading edge of left wing between #1 and # 2 engine; damaging gas tank and cutting electrical leads; 1" flak hole in left horizontal stabilizer aft of leading edge; 1" X 3" flak hole through vertical fin, aft of leading edge near top.

i. 42-39904 - 3" flak hole through flap, collector ring and carburetor elbow.

j. 42-31621 - 1" X 2" flak hole through left wing tip; 1" flak hole through trailing edge of left wing tip; 1" X 3" flak hole through left wing at outer panel root; 1" X 1" flak hole through wing, center aft of # 1 engine; 1" X 4" flak hole through right horizontal stabilizer, center at trailing edge; 1" flak hole through right aileron ; 1" x 1" flak hole through right wing, outer panel; 1" X 1" flak hole in accessory bowl; 2" X 2" flak tear at rear of left wing root; 1" flak hole through fuselage forward and below waist position; 1" X 3" flak hole through center of vertical fin; Two small flak holes through upper turret.

k. 42-31226 - Small flak hole in center of left horizontal stabilizer, skin damaged; Small flak hole through tail gunner's position; Small skin damage on lower right wing root, by flak; Small flak hole in leading edge of right wing tip; Flak hole in leading edge of left wing between # 1 and # 2 engines; Flak through upper left side of fuselage forward of instrument panel cutting static pressure line.

<u>TOTAL NO</u> <u>OF A/C</u>	<u>MAJOR</u> <u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>MINOR</u> <u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>BY</u> <u>FLAK</u>
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= CHARLES W. HUNT
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Group Engineering Officer

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Armament Officer
Station 128

A.P.O. 834
20 March, 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative, Mission of 20 March, 1944
TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H)
APO 834, U.S. Army.

1. The following Armament malfunctions were reported at the conclusion of the mission of 20 March, 1944.

<u>A/G No.</u>	<u>Gun Position</u>	<u>Malfunction</u>	<u>Personnel or Equipment</u>
• 42-31226	Chin Turret	Amplidyne motor burned out	Equipment

BOMB RACK MALFUNCTIONS

A negative bomb rack malfunction report is submitted for the mission of 20 March, 1944.

SAM P. BROOKHALL JR
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Group Armament Officer

401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
615TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
Office of the Engineering Officer

ABORTIVE REPORT:

AAF Station 128
20 March 1944.

SQUADRON 615th AIRPLANE #42-37833 PILOT 2nd Lt., Dnna M. Lenkeit
CP 2nd Lt. James R. Erwin.

PILOT'S STATEMENT:

Aircraft 42-37833 was a ground spare, took off late and returned to the base because pilot could not find formation.

INSPECTION OF AIRCRAFT OR EQUIPMENT REVEAL THE FOLLOWING DEFECTS OR MALFUNCTION:

No Engineering malfunction.

R. W. Newman
R. W. NEWMAN,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Engineering Officer.

612TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING OFFICER
 STATION 128
 APO 634

20 March, 1944

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report

TO : Engineering Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H), Station 128,
 APO 634, U.S. Army.

1. The following is the battle damage report for the aircraft operated by this Squadron for the combat mission completed this date:

<u>AIRPLANE NO.</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>
42-400b0	1. Hole in leading edge of left horizontal stabilizer near station 62. 2. Hole in left side of fuselage near station 6A 3. Hole in left waist window 4. Hole in No. 4 ring cowling, 9 o'clock. 5. Hole in right side of fuselage near station 3C.
42-31496	1. Hole in bottom of left wing tip near station 36 2. Hole in right elevator around station 62 3.
42-3976b	1. Hole in bottom of right wing tip near station 36 2. Hole in right bottom corner of air duct between No. 3 engine and fuselage. 3. Hole in left bomb bay door 4. Hole in right wing around station 22 in bottom out top. 5. Hole in bottom of left wing near station 15, fuel tank change. 6. Hole in top of left horizontal stabilizer near station 130. 7. Hole in trailing edge of left elevator near station 94 in bottom out top. 8. Hole in left side of fuselage near station 6C.
42-31087	1. Hole in bottom of right wing near station 17. 2. Hole in fairing joining left wing to fuselage (Bottom) 3. Hole in left horizontal stabilizer around station 130.

Herbert O. Kindel
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 1st Lt, Air Corps
 Engineering Officer